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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN' S PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 15,
1973.

QTE: Q. THERE HAVE BEEN VARYING REPORTS ABOUT AMBASSADOR
MOYNIHAN' S VISIT WITH INDIRA GANDHI, SEVERAL DIFFERENT
VERSIONS OF WHAT WENT ON. CAN YOU GIVE US A READ OUT ON
WHAT WAS DISCUSSED?

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A. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE A REPORT IN YET. I HAVE CERTAINLY NOT SEEN ONE. I WOULD TAKE IT FROM THE TICKERS THIS MORNING THAT THE MEETING TOOK PLACE ONLY QUITE RECENTLY, AND, AS I HAVE SAID HERE BEFORE, THE WIRES TEND TO OUT- RUN OUR OWN COMMUNICATIONS.

Q. WELL, THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF WHAT--

A. I JUST HAVE NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE IN THAT RESPECT.

Q. CHARLES, COULD YOU GIVE US SOMETHING LATER IN THE DAY?

A. I'LL TRY. THE ACCOUNTS I HAVE OF IT, AS A MATTER OF FACT, SEEM TO ME FAIRLY CONSISTENT ON THE WIRES. ROGERS

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